length of a projection above an edge surface of said inner joint ring, at a minimum

operative angle of the sliding type constant velocity universal joint.

10. (Twice Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9,

wherein a stem portion of an outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity

universal joint is made hollow, and the hollow portion is allowed to communicate with a

house portion of the outer joint ring.

11. (Twice Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly having a fixed type

constant velocity universal joint, coupled to a wheel bearing, mounted to one end

portion of an intermediate shaft, and a sliding type constant velocity universal joint,

coupled to a differential, mounted to the other end portion of said intermediate shaft,

wherein an allowable plunging down to a bottom portion of an outer joint ring of

said sliding type constant velocity universal joint is set to at least a width of an inner

joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint at a minimum operative

angle of the sliding type constant velocity universal joint,

wherein a stem portion of an outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity

universal joint is made hollow, and the hollow portion is allowed to communicate with a

house portion of the outer joint ring,

wherein an end cap is mounted to a communicating region between the hollow

portion of said stem portion and said house portion, and a communicating portion is

formed substantially at a center of the end cap.

2

12. (Twice Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein said wheel bearing is plastically connected to an outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint.

15. (Twice Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein one of a plurality of rows of races in said wheel bearing is formed on an outer diameter portion of a hub ring constituting the wheel bearing, and another race is formed on an outer diameter portion of a separate inner ring engaging an outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint.

17. (Twice Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein at least one of a plurality of rows of races of said wheel bearing is formed integrally on an outer diameter portion of an outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint.